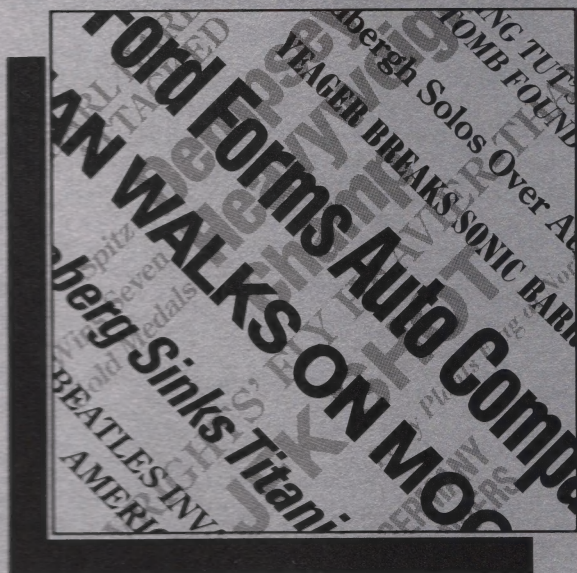


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1: Introduction

What Is Footprints In History?

Footprints In History (Footprints) is an easy way to show what else was happening at numerous times in someone's life.

For example, consider your Grandpa and major moments in his life. Working from a simple personal file that you create, **Footprints** prepares special documents called "TimeLines" and "SnapShots" that show these key personal events against the backdrop of historical events (from its built-in databases). They highlight what else was going on when Grandpa was born, when he graduated from high school, when he bought the family farm, or when he won the annual elk hunting contest. They let you and other family members discuss and relive many of his fond memories.

These documents make excellent gifts of lasting value. They support your love and care because they show your interest in specific happenings in someone's life, someone you care about a lot. You'll find that quizzing others about special moments in their life can be half the fun. Then, when you follow up with a professionally appearing yet personally customized document, you are in for some good times, rewarding discussions and warm feelings. Moments of value.

You've heard that "there's a book in every life". Probably so, and certainly every life leaves marks on some master scroll of time and events. **Footprints** simply helps you capture them in a way that is fun and rewarding. It uses all that supposedly cold computer technology to do something warm and worthwhile for yourself and others.

Footprints calls that special someone in your life (e.g. Grandpa) a VIP for Very Important Person, but VIPs don't have to be people. A VIP can be a corporation or an organization. It can be a church, school or even a fictional character. A VIP can be anything with a string of associated dates and events that have a collective meaning. But the most frequent subjects for **Footprints** are people - as individuals or as married couples or even as a whole family or a small group tied together by nothing more binding than friendship. A VIP called "The Stonewall Family" might have a VIP file of dates and family events stretching back to the Civil War. And a prepared TimeLine showing

those VIP events combined with other significant historical events could require numerous pages of output (and offer many hours of fascinating discussions as the center of attention at the next Family Reunion).

TimeLines and SnapShots are always hits because everybody likes to ask or to be asked, "Do you remember when ... ?".

How Does It Work?

Footprints comes with a large, carefully selected file containing many thousands of historical dates and events. Each event is classified as one of seven types:

Sports	Science (science & technology)
Business	Arts and Entertainment
U.S. History	Strange (or weird or unusual)
International	

Working from easy to follow, on-the-screen instructions, you are able to select the appropriate types of historical events for each of your VIPs. Using ALL of the types is a popular choice. You'll also see other controls that help you customize your output.

Of the two documents you can prepare with **Footprints**, a SnapShot is the easiest. It gives you a quick way to see what was going on around a date of interest. By simply typing in a date and a brief event description (if desired), the system presents a single screen full of historical events that precede and follow the given date. By pressing **F6**, you can obtain an attractive print-out of that SnapShot. It's very simple, but it's an effective means of scanning particular dates in history from your selected fields of interest.

A TimeLine, on the other hand, is a bit more complex but offers far more value. It is the heart of the system. From the Main Menu you can select options to name a new VIP and to enter key events for that VIP. These events (key dates with a one-line description) will be saved on disk for your future use. You can store multiple VIPs on disk, and there are built-in editing methods for adding, deleting and modifying VIPs. A given VIP file of only half-a-dozen dates and events can yield

an interesting TimeLine when it is framed in the context of the other historical events that are automatically provided.

Why Footprints Came To Be

Here is a recap of some of the reasons we developed **Footprints**:

1. There is a growing interest in nostalgia and the "good ol' days". Many of us also have aging relatives that are staying healthier and active longer (thank goodness). We thought **Footprints** would help provide an enjoyable and productive activity when we want to reflect back on times past, whether by ourselves or with family and friends.
2. Sometimes we all have trouble coming up with that "special" gift for Uncle Norman or Grandma Parker. Or we are tired of going to the card shop and trying to remember if we had already given that same card last year. With **Footprints**, you can create a personalized gift for that special occasion - a gift about that person or their life, that you prepared personally for them. You can even print it on parchment paper to add a little extra pizzazz.
3. The kids seem to be spending more and more time in front of the TV or out of the house, and less and less time with school work or the family. **Footprints** gives them something to do for that upcoming history project or for the next visit to Grandpa's. It gets them thinking about how the events in their relatives' lives relate to the events of history - and it will even be fun.
4. Many associations and corporations maintain a record of important events in their organization's history. **Footprints** provides an easy way to record these events and frame them in the appropriate historical context. It creates TimeLines for use in employee training booklets, annual performance review sessions and other organization-related meetings.
5. Most companies do a variety of things to improve and/or maintain employee morale like end-of-month parties, 10-

year pins, Christmas dinners, etc. With **Footprints**, they can now show they care by highlighting important days in an employee's career or in the department's growth within the company.

5. Simply stated: **Footprints** helps you do something of interest for or with someone you care about.

A Related Product

Footprints may remind you of another of our software products called **Special Days** in that it uses large built-in history files and information about personal dates. However, there are major differences. **Special Days** emphasizes the display of a major specific milestone in a historical setting such as a birthday or an anniversary by preparing a customized document (suitable for framing) for that particular day. **Footprints** works with multiple events from one's life, across a span of time, and shows these embedded in the fabric of history. They are brother and sister products. They're different, yet if you like one you'll surely like the other.

Both products are members of our LIFE & TIMES software series - a series of programs that are entertaining, educational and productive for the entire family.

How To Use This Manual

This Guide is designed for use as a reference tool. While some may prefer to read it cover to cover, we have duplicated key information across chapters to facilitate quick lookup. For instance, Chapter 2 briefly highlights the installation process for those that want to get started quickly, while Chapter 3 covers it in more detail. For most users, we recommend that you use the Table of Contents and Index to quickly find the topic of interest. Then go directly to that section, rather than trying to read the Guide page by page.

NOTE: The Program Disk contains a file called README.FP. Refer to this file for additional information and instructions.

2: Getting Started

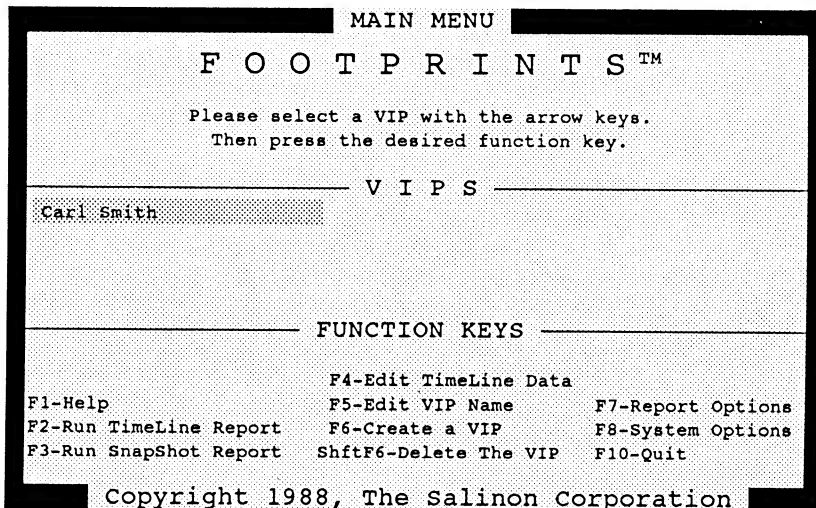
For Experienced PC Users

If you have used a PC before and want to start using **Footprints** right away, we recommend that you follow these steps:

1. If you have a hard disk, copy the **Footprints** diskette/s to it using the DOS **COPY** command (**COPY A:*. * C:**).

If you have floppy disk drives, make a working copy of the original **Footprints** diskette/s using the DOS **COPY** command (see Appendix A if you need help). Then use this working copy to run the program, keeping your original diskettes as the spare. Do not put a write-protect tab on the Database Disk.

2. Enter **FP** at the DOS prompt (**>**) and press **Enter** (**↵**). There will be a few second delay as the program loads, you'll be asked for your printer and screen type (1st time only), and then **Footprints** will start up and the Main Menu will appear:



3. If you're a first time user, go ahead and press the **F3** key to get a feel for the SnapShot Data Entry Screen and report. Also note that there is one VIP already in your database: "Carl Smith". You may want to try pressing **F2** to see his sample TimeLine report.

Now enter one of your own VIPs and a few sample events by pressing the **F6** and **F4** keys and using the built-in editor. Once your VIP is entered, try out the other function keys to see what each one does (try **Shift F6** last).

Function Key Recap

The active keys are displayed at the bottom of your current screen:

- F1** - Pulls up the Help Screens.
- F2** - Generates a TimeLine report for the VIP currently highlighted. If this VIP has no personal event data yet, **Footprints** displays the TimeLine Data Entry Screen so you can add some (TimeLine will not run without it). Once you've entered some dates and events, just press **F2** again to start the display.
- F3** - Generates a SnapShot report. As soon as you press this key **Footprints** displays the SnapShot Data Entry Screen. You will need to enter a date and event that you wish to see framed in an historical context. Then press the **F3** or **Enter** key again to start the report display.
- F4** - Pulls up the TimeLine Data Entry Screen to let you edit the dates and events for the currently highlighted VIP. You can add, change or delete dates and events.
- F5** - Lets you edit the name of the currently backlit VIP on the Main Menu. To create a brand new VIP, you should usually press the **F6** key.
- F6** - Lets you add a new VIP to the database from the Main Menu. **F6** is also used to print a copy of your report to the printer after you have generated it on your screen.

- ⇧ **F6** - Holding down the **Shift** key while pressing the **F6** key lets you delete the currently highlighted VIP (and all the related files) from the database. Before the deletion occurs, you are asked "Files for the selected VIP will be deleted. Continue (Y/N)?" If you enter **Y** at this point the deletion is made, or entering **N** aborts the deletion.
- F7** - Displays the Report Options Screen. From this screen you can:
- Turn automatic paging on and off.
 - Specify the number of days before and after each event for which you want to see historical data.
 - Suppress the printing of years for which there is no data in your VIP file.
 - Select the type of historical events to include in the report. You can select any combination of Science, Arts / Entertainment, Sports, Business, Strange, U.S. History and International.
- F8** - Displays the System Options Screen. From this screen you can:
- Turn the sound on and off.
 - Select the type of printer. You have three choices: IBM Proprinter, Hewlett-Packard Laser (or compatible) and Other.
 - Select between a monochrome or color monitor.
- F9** - Freezes what is shown on your monitor during report generation (**F9** is only active when you are displaying a report). Pressing **F9** again tells **Footprints** to resume displaying the report on the screen.

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| Home/End | - Stops document creation and puts you in |
| PgUp/PgDn | scroll mode. You can then use these keys to |
| ↑ ↓ | scroll up or down any portion of the document |
| | already created. To exit scroll mode, just |
| | press F9 . |
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| F10 | - Returns you to the Main Menu. If you are |
| | already at the Main Menu, pressing F10 exits |
| | you from Footprints . |
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| Esc | - Returns you to the previous screen. |

Edit Key Recap

Here is a summary of the keys that are active when you are editing an event (avoid pressing **NumLock** since it deactivates these keys):

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| ← → | - (Left and right arrow keys) Moves cursor to |
| | the left or right |
|
 | |
| ↑ ↓ | - (Up and down arrow keys) Moves cursor up |
| | or down one line |
|
 | |
| Home/End | - Moves cursor to the start/end of the data field |
|
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| ← | - (Backspace key) Deletes the character left of |
| | the cursor |
|
 | |
| Del | - (Delete key) Deletes the character the cursor |
| | is currently on |
|
 | |
| Ins | - (Insert key) Lets you switch between insert |
| | and overwrite Edit Mode |
|
 | |
| PgUp/PgDn | - Moves cursor up or down one page |
|
 | |
| Ctrl Home | - Moves cursor to start of file |
|
 | |
| Ctrl End | - Moves cursor to end of file |

3: Installation & Setup

Disk Installation

Footprints requires no special installation procedures. You can run it on a PC with one or two floppy disk drives, or a hard disk (you should first make a backup copy of your disks with the DOS **COPY** command - see Appendix A if you need help). The Program Diskette contains the **Footprints** programs. The Database Disk contains the various history files and space for an ASCII file of the last TimeLine (TIMELINE.ASC) and Snapshot (SNAPSHOT.ASC) you printed on your printer. If you're using 3 1/2" disks, both the program and databases come on a single disk.

Installing And Running From A Hard Disk

Once you have copied the Program and Database Disks to your hard drive, you can run **Footprints** from the appropriate directory by simply typing **FP** and pressing the **Enter** (↵) key.

Running From Two 5 1/4" Floppy Disk Drives

If running **Footprints** on a dual floppy system, you should start it with your Program Diskette in drive A and the Database Diskette in drive B. From the "A>" prompt, type in **FP** and press **Enter** (↵). The program will start running after a few seconds delay. Once the Main Menu appears, you can move through and exit the program by just following the prompts and using the function keys.

Running From A Single Floppy Disk Drive

If running **Footprints** on a single floppy system, you should start it with your Program Diskette in drive A. From the "A>" prompt, type in **FP** and press **Enter** (↵). If you are using 5 1/4" diskettes, a message will appear prompting you to remove the Program Diskette and replace it with the Database Diskette in drive A (no diskette swap is required if you are using a 3 1/2" floppy). Press **Enter** after the diskette is inserted and the program will start running after a few second delay. Once the Main Menu appears, you can move through and exit the program by just following the prompts and using the function keys, without swapping any more disks.

Printing And ASCII File Creation

Printing A Report On Your Printer

Footprints allows you to print two different documents: a "TimeLine" spanning a number of years or a shorter "SnapShot" which looks at a moment in history. You can print a report by pressing the **F6** key after you've reviewed it on the screen (make sure your printer is turned on before pressing **F6**). You can select the type of printer by pulling up the System Options Screen from the Main Menu (press the **F8** key). You have three different printer choices: IBM Proprinter, HP Laser (or compatible) or Other:

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FOOTPRINTS - System Options

The Current VIP is Carl Smith

Sound Status : On                Mostly Off

Printer Type : Proprinter        HP Laser    Other

Screen Type  : Monochrome        Color

----- FUNCTION KEYS -----
F1-Help      F2-Run TimeLine Rpt  F3-Run SnapShot Rpt  Esc-Prev Scrn
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The Three Printer Options

Here is a summary of the three printer options:

1. Selecting the IBM Proprinter option will allow you to create documents with bolded titles and lined top and bottom borders on an IBM Proprinter, NEC Pinwriter, Epson FX80 or compatible printer.
2. Selecting the HP Laser option changes the number of lines per page. Most laser printers have a default setting of just 60 lines per page, whereas **Footprints** requires and most other printers allow 66 lines per page. This option also

centers the page and lets you create documents with lined top and bottom borders on the Hewlett-Packard Laserjet and compatible printers (if your font supports the IBM extended character set). **Footprints** assumes that your laser printer is set up as LPT1.

3. Selecting the Other option turns bolding off and switches to asterisks and dashes for the borders instead of graphic characters from the IBM extended character set. This option is designed to be compatible with the widest variety of printers and avoids sending any special control codes to your printer. If you're having trouble getting one of the other options to work, you may want to try this one.

ASCII Disk Files

Any time you print a document, a copy of it is saved in ASCII format on disk under the name TIMELINE.ASC or SNAPSHOT.ASC. If you are using 5 1/4" floppies, these files will be on your Database Disk. Otherwise they will be saved on the same disk or in the same subdirectory as the **Footprints** program.

These files are saved so that you have the option of changing / enhancing a document before printing. You can use your favorite word processor or desktop publishing package to edit and then print it - adding underlines, bolding, changing the border, or even adding or deleting some historical information.

Note that only the last TimeLine and SnapShot you printed are saved. If you want to print and save multiple documents, you will need to rename or copy TIMELINE.ASC / SNAPSHOT.ASC before generating the next one. You can rename these files by exiting **Footprints** and using the DOS **RENAME** command, or you can copy them by using the DOS **COPY** command or one of several memory resident programs (e.g. Borland's SideKick).

It is possible to run out of disk space if you're printing a very large TimeLine on floppies. If this occurs, the message "The ASCII file and scrolling features are disabled due to limited disk space" is displayed at the bottom of your screen. Your TimeLine will continue printing but no more of it will be saved on disk. To correct this, you may want to:

1. free up disk space by deleting files that you don't need (don't delete any of the files that came with **Footprints**);
2. move **Footprints** to a hard disk or high capacity floppy diskette that has more available storage space;
3. change the Report Options to reduce the size of the TimeLine created (e.g. reduce the number of days before and after each personal event, or select data from fewer types of historical events).

Note that when the "limited disk space" message appears, it may look like you still have several thousand bytes left on your diskette.

Footprints displays this message because it needs that space for scrolling, and can't find enough other space for the ASCII file.

The Summary Report

Each time you print a report, **Footprints** can attach a trailing page to your printed output. This page, titled Summary Report, recaps the Report Option settings used to generate your document. Some folks save these sheets so that they can remember how to reproduce the same identical report in the future. To turn this option on, put your Database Disk in drive A, type **SWITCH** and press the **Enter** key. Repeating this step a second time turns the report back off again.

Note that Footprints also saves the Report Options settings for each VIP on disk. Each time you use Footprints, it uses the settings you previously set for the particular VIP selected.

If You Have A 256k Machine

If you're using DOS version 2.x, **Footprints** needs all of the memory that comes on a 256k personal computer. If you're having memory problems, you may want to remove some or all of your memory resident programs or reduce the size of your print spooler. If you're still having problems, you may have to change your CONFIG.SYS file to reduce the memory allocated for buffers and device drivers. If you're using DOS version 3.0+, you will need at least 320k to to run **Footprints**.

4: Creating / Editing A VIP

Adding A VIP

To add a new VIP, press the **F6** key. **Footprints** will move the highlight down to the next available slot on the Main Menu and will prompt you to key in the new VIP's name:

MAIN MENU

FOOTPRINTS™

Please select a VIP with the arrow keys.
Then press the desired function key.

V I P S

Carl Smith

Mary Ann Smith

FUNCTION KEYS

F1-Help

F2-Run TimeLine Report

F3-Run SnapShot Report

F4-Edit TimeLine Data

F5-Edit VIP Name

F6-Create a VIP

ShftF6-Delete The VIP

F7-Report Options

F8-System Options

F10-Quit

Please enter the name of your new VIP.

Once you've keyed the name in (i.e. Mary Ann Smith in the above example), just press **Enter** (↵) and **Footprints** will add the name to the database.

Entering Dates & Events

If you've just added a new VIP to the database, **Footprints** automatically pops up the TimeLine Data Entry Screen for you. Otherwise, you just need to press the **F4** key to pull up this screen.

You can now enter or edit some of the important dates and events for this VIP. Events like the VIP's:

birth date	graduation	first date
college	military duty	wedding
honeymoon	kids' birthdays	anniversaries
achievements	promotions	vacations

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FOOTPRINTS - TimeLine Data Entry

The file ready for input or editing is for: MARY ANN SMITH

Dates must be entered in the form MM/DD/YYYY or M/D/YY (2/3/66 which Footprints converts to 02/03/1966) with a description:

12/06/1941 John Smith married Jane Doe in Honolulu, Hawaii

Dates	Event Descriptions
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07/02/1911	Mary Ann Smith was born in Lake Charles, Idaho
06/15/1920	Mary's brother Carl was hurt in car accident
05/05/1930	Mary graduated from High School with honors
02/22/1931	Mary Ann married Rudolph Horatio Jones

F1-Help F2-Run TimeLine Rpt ESC-Previous Scrn F10-Main Menu

Entering A Date

In the example displayed above, let's say you have entered these four dates and events for Mary Ann Smith. Note that when entering a date you can always enter it in long form (MM/DD/YYYY or 07/02/1911).

In many cases, depending on the date, you can also enter it in short form (M/D/YY or 7/2/11). When **Footprints** sees a date in short form, it automatically adds zeros in front of the month and day if needed, and a 19 in front of the year (or a 190 in front of the year if just one digit entered - that is, 7/2/1 translates to 07/02/1901).

For TimeLine data entry, if you don't know a particular day, you can either enter your best guess or enter a 0 for the day (e.g. 7/0/11).

Footprints will interpret this as simply July of 1911, and print the event at the beginning of that month, with no day specified.

Footprints also verifies each date. If you entered an illegal date (e.g. February 29th in a year that didn't have a February 29th) it will beep at you and ask you to enter it again.

Entering A Descriptive Event

Once a date is entered, you can either press **Enter** (↵) or use the right arrow key (→) to move over to the Event Descriptions. Here you can enter up to a sixty-nine character description for each date. While the TimeLine Data Entry Screen only has room to display ten events at one time, it automatically scrolls forward when you need to enter additional events. You can also scroll in either direction to review other events entered using some of the edit keys described in the next section.

When you're through entering / editing data, you can return to the Main Menu by pressing the **F10** key or you can press **F2** to generate a TimeLine report for the VIP - your changes will be saved to disk.

Using The Edit Keys

Footprints provides an easy-to-use date and text editor to help you create your VIP files. Whether entering new dates and events from scratch, or editing what's already out there, you'll find many of these keys useful. Here is a summary of each key's function (avoid pressing **NumLock** since it deactivates many of these keys):

- ← → - (Left and right arrow keys) Moves cursor to the left or right one character at a time. If you are at the beginning or end of a line, pressing these keys will move you to the next line.
- ↑ ↓ - (Up and down arrow keys) Moves cursor up or down one line at a time.
- Home/End** - Moves cursor to the start/end of the line.
- ← - (Backspace key) Deletes the character left of the cursor.
- Del** - (Delete key) Deletes the character the cursor is currently on.
- Ins** - (Insert key) Lets you switch between Insert and Overwrite edit mode. When in Insert mode, each character you key in will be entered at the current cursor position, and the

rest of the text will move over. For example, let's say you left the "i" out of "Smith" so that the name reads "Mary Smth". You would move the cursor on top of the "t", press **Ins** to get into Insert mode, and then enter **i**. The "i" would be inserted and the "th" moved over so that your name now reads "Mary Smith".

Note that when you're in Insert mode, the cursor appears as a flashing solid box (**■**) instead of just an underline.

Overwrite mode lets you key in characters on top of what is already out there.

PgUp/PgDn - Moves cursor up or down one page (10 lines).

Ctrl + Home - (Holding down the control key while pressing the **Home** key) Moves cursor to start of VIP file.

Ctrl + End - (Holding down the control key while pressing the **End** key) Moves cursor to end of VIP file.

Editing A VIP's Name

If you want to change the spelling of the VIP's name that is currently backlit, press the **F5** key from the Main Menu. This puts you into VIP name edit mode and displays the message "Please edit the name currently backlit" at the bottom of the screen. Use the edit keys to make your changes and then press the **Enter** (↵) key to save them.

Keying in a completely new name after pressing **F5** will simply substitute the new name for the old one already there. All the TimeLine event data remains unchanged (this may be handy if you've created an event file for Grandpa, and now want to use the same one for Grandma with only slight modifications).

Deleting A VIP

To delete a VIP's name and all the related TimeLine event data, move the backlit bar to the desired VIP and press the **F6** key while holding down the **Shift** (\uparrow) key. **Footprints** then displays the message "Files for the selected VIP will be deleted. Continue (Y/N)?" at the bottom of the screen. If you press **Y** at this point the backlit VIP will be erased together with all the corresponding event dates and descriptions. If you press **N**, **Footprints** will abort the delete operation and nothing is erased.

You can store up to 14 different VIPS at one time in **Footprints**. If you need space for some more, you will need to first delete some of those that you no longer have interest in.

5: Printing A Report

Printing A TimeLine

A TimeLine report displays the major events in a VIP's life against any number of different historical backdrops (you can select the historical backdrop through the Report Options Screen as explained later in this Chapter).

To print a TimeLine, select the VIP from the Main Menu and then just press the **F2** key. If **Footprints** finds a data file for this VIP, it will immediately start displaying the TimeLine on your screen. If no data file is found, **Footprints** will display the TimeLine Data Entry Screen. You can then enter the data (i.e. important dates and events in the selected VIP's life) that **Footprints** needs to generate a TimeLine.

To print a TimeLine for a different VIP, use the arrow keys (↓ ↑ → ←) to move the backlit bar to the appropriate name on your Main Menu. In the example below, we moved the backlit bar from Carl Smith to Cousin Billy Bob by pressing right arrow once and down arrow once:

MAIN MENU		
F O O T P R I N T S TM		
Please select a VIP with the arrow keys. Then press the desired function key.		
V I P S		
Carl Smith	Grandpa Smith	
Mary Ann Smith	Cousin Billy Bob	
Julie Smith	Aunt Mary Lou	
FUNCTION KEYS		
F1-Help	F4-Edit TimeLine Data	
F2-Run TimeLine Report	F5-Edit VIP Name	F7-Report Options
F3-Run SnapShot Report	F6-Create a VIP	F8-System Options
	ShiftF6-Delete The VIP	F10-Quit
Copyright 1988, The Salinon Corporation		

If you want to print a TimeLine for a VIP not currently on your Main Menu, you can add the VIP by pressing the **F6** key and entering the name, date and event information (see Chapter 4 for more details).

Once **Footprints** has printed a TimeLine on your monitor, you can print it on your printer by pressing **F6** (after you've turned your printer on). Any time you print a TimeLine on your printer, **Footprints** also writes it to an ASCII disk file (TIMELINE.ASC) for further customizing if you have such interest.

Printing A SnapShot

A SnapShot report displays historical events that occurred before and after a key event you enter. You can select the types of historical events displayed through the Report Options Screen (explained in the next section).

To run a SnapShot, just press the **F3** key from the Main Menu. **Footprints** will then display the SnapShot Data Entry Screen.

FOOTPRINTS - SnapShot Data Entry

SNAPSHOT in History

SNAPSHOT provides an easy way to review historical events that occurred just before or after a given date that you input. The input date will be centered on the screen while preceding and succeeding events in history are placed around it. You can review a variety of different dates by taking multiple snapshots.

Please type in a date and a personal event in the box below.

Example- 12/08/1941 Tom Jones was severely wounded at Pearl Harbor

Note: Enter no date to SEARCH all databases for word(s) input as the Personal Event (press F1 for more info).

Date	Personal Event
01/01/1911	Grandpa Parker bagged a 12 point buck

F1-Help

F3-Run SnapShot Report

Esc-Previous Screen

You can then enter either:

1. a valid date and the corresponding personal event;
2. no date (just press the **Enter** key when the cursor is in the date field) and the key word or phrase you want **Footprints** to search for.

A valid date is any date from 1/1/1850 to present times. The corresponding event description can be up to 69 characters long. You may want to refer to the edit keys and date entry short cuts described in Chapter 4 when entering data.

If you enter no date, SnapShot assumes that what you enter in the personal event field is the Search Key. As soon as you enter this word or phrase and press **F3**, SnapShot will search ALL its databases for the first match. It displays the first match it finds together with historical events (from the databases you selected on the Report Options Screen) that occurred in the same time frame as the match.

When entering a key word or phrase, you may want to try entering common abbreviations as well as the word itself. **Footprints** stores some words in a mixture of forms (e.g. President or Pres.).

If you want to find the second match, press the **Esc** and then the **F3** key again. By pressing the **Esc** and **F3** keys multiple times, you can page through the entire library of databases, having SnapShot display each match it finds together with other historical events that occurred in the same general time frame (e.g. all the occurrences of Abraham Lincoln).

Once a SnapShot is printed on your screen, you can print it on your printer by pressing **F6**. While printing on your printer, the report is also being written to disk as an ASCII file (SNAPSHOT.ASC).

Selecting The Report Options

Press F7 To Display The Report Options Screen

When printing a TimeLine or SnapShot, **Footprints** uses the report parameters set up for the selected VIP. For a TimeLine, these parameters control the paging, number and type of events printed. For a SnapShot, they control just the type of events printed. For each VIP, you can set up and store a different set of Report Options. To display the Report Options Screen for the VIP currently backlit, press **F7** from the Main Menu:

FOOTPRINTS - Report Options			
The Current VIP is Carl Smith			
Automatic Paging	:	Yes	No
Number of Days Before & After	:	60	
(must be 1 to 365 days)			
Suppress Printing Of Year Lines:		Yes	No
for Years Without Events			
----- TYPES OF HISTORICAL EVENTS TO INCLUDE -----			
All	Science	Arts/Entertain	Sports
Business	Strange	U.S. History	International
----- FUNCTION KEYS -----			
F1-Help	F2-Run TimeLine Rpt	Esc-Prev Scrn	
	F3-Run Snapshot Rpt		

To move through this screen, just use the Up & Down arrow keys (↑ ↓). To select a new setting for a particular field, use the right and left arrow keys (→ ←) to move the cursor to the desired setting. When you've made all your changes, press **Esc** to return to the previous screen or press **F2** or **F3** to print a report.

Automatic Paging

If the **Yes** in the Automatic Paging field is highlighted, **Footprints** sends a page eject to the printer when it reaches the bottom of each page. When this option is set to **No**, no page ejects are generated and the document is printed as one long, continuous page.

Number of Days Before And After

This option applies only to TimeLines. It lets you tell **Footprints** the time span of data to display around each personal event (for the selected VIP). You can specify any number of days from 1 to 365.

For example, assume you entered **60**. For the first event in your VIP file, **Footprints** will display historical events that occurred within 60 days after the date of that personal event. For the last event in your VIP file, it will display historical events that occurred within 60 days

before the date of that personal event. For all other personal events in your file, **Footprints** will display historical events that occurred within (both before and after) 60 days of the date of that personal event.

To change the number of days, move the cursor to that field with the arrow keys, enter the new number of days, and press the **Enter** key (↵). The larger the number you enter, the wider the range of days you're specifying and the more information you'll see printed.

Suppress Printing Of Year Lines

This option applies only to TimeLines. It lets you suppress the printing of years which don't contain a personal or relevant historical event, and thus shortens the length of your document. To select this option, just move the backlit box to **Yes** with the arrow keys. If you set it to **No**, then for each year between your VIP's first and last date, a line will be printed displaying the year (even if there is not a personal or relevant historical event for that year).

Types Of Historical Events To Include

Here is where you tell **Footprints** which types of historical events to display alongside your VIP's personal events. You can select **All** or any combination of the seven different databases:

Science	Science and Technology
Arts/Entertainment	Arts and Entertainment
Sports	Sports Records and Events
Business	Business and Industry
Strange	Strange, Weird and Unusual
U.S. History	General News and Governmental
International	Foreign Affairs and News

To make your selections, move the cursor to the desired database with the arrow keys and then press the **Enter** key (↵). The database will appear in backlit format to indicate its selection. You can select all the databases by moving the cursor to **All** and pressing **Enter**. You can deselect any database by moving the cursor back on top of it and pressing **Enter** again - note that the backlit disappears when you deselect a database.

Once you've made all your selections you can press **Esc** to return to the previous screen or **F2 / F3** to print a report.

6: System Options Screen

Press F8 From The Main Menu

The System Options Screen allows you to change **Footprints** defaults for Sound, Printer Type and Screen Type.

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FOOTPRINTS - System Options

The Current VIP is Carl Smith

Sound Status : On      Mostly Off
Printer Type : Proprietary  HP Laser  Other
Screen Type  : Monochrome  Color

----- FUNCTION KEYS -----
F1-Help      F2-Run TimeLine Rpt
F3-Run SnapShot Rpt  Esc-Prev Scrn
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Turning The Sound On Or Off

The first field on the System Options Screen is SOUND STATUS. It is preset to ON - so every time you run a report it will beep as it pulls in different screens. If this beeping becomes a bit annoying, you can turn SOUND STATUS to MOSTLY OFF by using the arrow keys (↑ ↓ ← →) to move the highlight to the MOSTLY OFF position. This will turn most of the sound off. Note that the SOUND will now remain MOSTLY OFF, even if you exit the program and start it up again a week later, until you come back to this screen and change its setting.

Changing The Printer Type

The first time you run **Footprints**, it asks you to specify your printer type (if you're not sure what you have, press 1 for Proprietary). It will then stay preset to this printer type until you select a different one by using the arrow keys as described above. Once you have selected the

appropriate printer, you print a report by pressing the **F6** key (after you have displayed the TimeLine or SnapShot on your monitor). Please be sure your printer is on before pressing **F6**. Note that any time you print a document, a copy of it is stored in an ASCII disk file called TIMELINE.ASC or SNAPSHOT.ASC (only the last TimeLine and SnapShot you printed are stored - see Chapter 3 for more details). Here is a summary of the three printer options:

Proprinter

Selecting the IBM Proprinter option will allow you to create documents with bolded titles and lined borders on an IBM Proprinter, NEC Pinwriter, Epson FX80, or compatible printer.

HP Laser

Selecting the HP Laser option changes the number of lines per page. Most laser printers have a default setting of just 60 lines per page, whereas **Footprints** requires and most other printers allow 66 lines per page. This option also centers the page and lets you create documents with lined top and bottom borders on the Hewlett-Packard Laserjet and compatible printers (if your font supports the IBM extended character set).

Note that we have provided a font on the Program Disk, FT10.SFP, that allows you to print TimeLines and SnapShots on your laser printer using the IBM extended character set for the borders. To copy this font to your printer, verify that your printer is turned on and that it is set up as LPT1. Then insert the Program Disk and key in **LASERFP** from the DOS prompt. Once the font is downloaded, enter **FP**, press **Enter**, select the **HP Laser** option on the System Options Screen, and you'll be all set to go.

The laser font included on the Program Disk is furnished by Orbit Enterprises, Inc. at no charge. Orbit provides software for the HP Laser printers (and compatibles). For more information on their software products, contact them directly at: Orbit Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 2875, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138, 312-469-3405.

Other

Selecting the Other option turns bolding off and switches to asterisks and dashes for the borders instead of the IBM extended character set. This option is designed to be compatible with the widest variety of printers and avoids sending any special control codes to your printer. If you're having trouble getting one of the other options to work, you may want to try this one (at some sacrifice of appearance).

Parchment Paper For Your Printer

When using **Footprints** to create a personalized gift for a relative or friend, we recommend that you print on parchment computer paper. This paper gives TimeLines and SnapShots a more nostalgic appearance. While many computer dealers sell this paper, if you're having trouble finding it, try calling one of the companies listed here. They will gladly take your order over the phone:

- Demco, Madison, WI and Fresno, CA. They currently sell 120 page packets of 24 lb., 8 1/2" x 11", fan-fold parchment computer paper in four different colors. You can reach them at 800-356-1200.
- Power Up!, San Mateo, CA. They currently sell 100 page packets of heavy weight, 8 1/2" x 11", fan-fold parchment computer paper. They also sell 250 page packets of single sheet parchment for laser printers. You can reach them at 800-851-2917 (or if in California, at 800-223-1479).

Changing The Screen Type

The first time you run **Footprints** it asks you to specify your monitor type. It will then stay preset to this monitor type until you change it.

To change it, use the arrow keys to select between either a monochrome monitor or a color one in the SCREEN TYPE field. Regardless of what type of color monitor you have (CGA, EGA, VGA), selecting the color option will normally give you a brighter, more interesting screen display.

7: What To Do In Case Of Problems

First Try The Help Screens

If you're having a problem with **Footprints**, we recommend that you first pull up the Help Screens by pressing the **F1** key. Each Help Screen contains topics and explanations that directly address where you are in the program. For instance, you'll get a different Help Screen if you're at the Main Menu than you will at the User Options Screen. The topics are listed on the left-hand side of the screen. The explanation for the topic currently highlighted is listed on the right-hand side. You can quickly select the topic you're trying to find an explanation for by using the up and down arrow keys (↑ ↓).

Common Problems & Solutions

If the Help Screens aren't "helping" or if you can't even get **Footprints** to start running, see if you can find the error message in this section. When you find it, you'll see the possible cause/s of that error described and the suggested remedies.

If you are getting an error message not contained in this chapter, please verify that you are running on an IBM PC or truly compatible computer with 256k of available memory if you're using DOS 2.1+ (or 320k of available memory if you're using DOS 3.0+).

Here are some of the error messages you may encounter:

Bad command or file name

CAUSE:	Misspelled FP when typing it in.
REMEDY:	Type it in again and press Enter .

CAUSE:	Wrong disk in drive A, not finding FP .
REMEDY:	Check that you have inserted the Program Diskette in drive A. Re-type FP .

- CAUSE: Running off of hard disk but logged under the wrong subdirectory, not finding **FP**, or **FP** not copied onto your hard disk.
- REMEDY: Check and be sure you are in the subdirectory with the "fp.exe" file. Enter **dir** and press **Enter** to find out what directory you are in. Change directories or copy FP.EXE to your hard disk, then re-type **FP** and press **Enter**.

Could not find the FOOTPRINTS Database Disk. Ending FOOTPRINTS (tm).

- CAUSE: You are running off of dual floppies and have not inserted your Database Diskette in drive B, or your drive door is open.
- REMEDY: Insert the diskette, close the drive door, rerun **Footprints**.
- CAUSE: You are running off of a single floppy system and have not inserted your Database Diskette in drive A, or your drive door is open.
- REMEDY: Insert the diskette, close the drive door, rerun the program.
- CAUSE: You have an unusual disk configuration on your computer (e.g. multiple hard drives).
- REMEDY: Copy the **Footprints** disks to your primary hard disk and rerun it.
- CAUSE: You have erased a file **Footprints** is trying to access.
- REMEDY: Get out your original **Footprints** disks and either recopy the file that is missing (if you know which one it is) or recopy all the disks to restore the missing file/s.

Data error when trying to copy diskette

- | | |
|---------|---|
| CAUSE: | Diskette is in drive incorrectly. |
| REMEDY: | Remove diskette from drive and re-insert.
Try copying again. |
| CAUSE: | Bad disk drive. |
| REMEDY: | Remove diskette and try copying it on
another machine or in another drive. |
| CAUSE: | Bad diskette. |
| REMEDY: | Go back to your original Footprints
diskettes and make another working copy
from them. |

**Device Fault (or)
Device Timeout (or)
Device Unavailable
Hit any key to return to your system**

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|---------|--|
| CAUSE: | Your printer is not turned on or your disk
drive door is open. |
| REMEDY: | Turn your printer on or close your drive's
door - restart Footprints . |

**Disk Full
Hit any key to return to your system**

- | | |
|---------|---|
| CAUSE: | Some additional files have been copied
onto your Database Disk or your hard disk
is out of space. |
| REMEDY: | Erase unneeded files and restart. |

Disk Media Error

- CAUSE: Bad diskette or diskette is not centered properly in the disk drive.
- REMEDY: Remove the diskette and re-insert it or insert it in a different drive. If you're still getting the problem, go back to your original **Footprints** diskettes and make a fresh working copy.

Disk Not Ready

- CAUSE: Disk drive door is open or diskette is in the wrong drive.
- REMEDY: Close disk drive door or put diskette in other drive.

Disk Write Protected

- CAUSE: Write protect tab is on the disk.
- REMEDY: Remove the write tab and hit any key to continue running. You can put a write tab on your Program Disk, but must leave it off your Database Disk.

Load Database Disk in Drive A (or B) and Press Any Key

- CAUSE: You have not inserted your Database Diskette or your drive door is open.
- REMEDY: Insert the diskette, close the drive door and press **Enter** (↵).
- CAUSE: You have erased a file **Footprints** is trying to access.
- REMEDY: Get out your original **Footprints** disks and either recopy the file that is missing (if you know which one it is) or recopy all the disks to restore the missing file/s.

No error message, it is just not doing anything

- CAUSE: You have not pressed the appropriate function key or the **Enter** key to tell the system what you want to do.
- REMEDY: Pressing **F1** will pull up the Help Screen so you can review your different options.
- CAUSE: You have inadvertently pressed the **Num Lock** key, which turns the arrow, **PgUp**, **PgDn**, **Home** and **End** keys off.
- REMEDY: Press **NumLock** to turn these keys back on.
- CAUSE: Your computer is not IBM PC compatible or you don't have 256k of available memory for DOS 2.1+ (or 320k if using DOS 3.0+).
- REMEDY: Use a different computer, upgrade your operating system to DOS 2.1, or add another 64k in memory to get to 320k.
- CAUSE: The system has "crashed" because of a power surge or some other reason.
- REMEDY: Press 3 keys simultaneously to reboot your system: **Ctrl / Alt / Del**. Then restart **Footprints**.

**Not ready error reading drive A
Abort, Retry, Ignore ?**

- CAUSE: No diskette in drive A.
- REMEDY: Insert Program Diskette in drive A, close door, type in **R** for retry.
- CAUSE: Diskette in drive A but door not closed.
- REMEDY: Close door of disk drive and type **R** for retry.
- CAUSE: Write protect tab on disk.

REMEDY: Remove write protect tab and type **R** for retry.

CAUSE: Diskette in upside down.

REMEDY: Remove diskette and turn it over so the label on the disk is face up. Re-insert, close door, type **R** for retry.

The ASCII file and scrolling features are disabled due to limited disk space.

CAUSE: You're out of disk space on your Database Disk or on your hard disk.

REMEDY: Erase unneeded files and restart or copy the **Footprints** diskettes to a disk with more capacity. Note that the system will continue running with reduced features if you do nothing.

Trying to print a TimeLine or SnapShot and nothing is happening

CAUSE: Printer is not turned on or is not on-line.

REMEDY: Turn printer on or press the on-line button.

CAUSE: Your system is directing printer output to a different port or device.

REMEDY: Enter the appropriate MODE command for your system to redirect output. Refer to your DOS manual and/or printer manual for the correct command sequence.

8: Database Sources

Data Collection Procedures

When developing **Footprints**, we recognized the importance of its library of U.S. History, International, Science, Business, Strange and other events of historical importance. Without going into all the details, many people were involved in collecting information from hundreds of different sources over a period of several months. While most of the data collection was performed in Dallas, we used source material and individuals located elsewhere in the country to supplement our local staff of data collectors.

Our special thanks goes to Patrick Kincaid and Mike Butler for permission to use some of the historical material they compiled. For more information on their offerings, write to them at: 618 Douglas Drive, Mills Valley, CA 94941.

You Can Help Us Improve The Databases

We actually invested far more development money, time and effort in the databases than in the programs - partly because of the gross inconsistencies found in the existing historical records. We constantly faced the problem of verifying a date or historical event across 4 or 5 references only to find, say, two of the references in conflict with several of the others. This greatly complicated the verification process and significantly delayed our bringing **Footprints** to market.

Anyone who finds and sends us additional corrections to the databases, and includes the references from which they obtained the data, will receive a free copy of the next set of new updates we make to the databases. Note that you need to send us, in addition to the corrections themselves, at least two references that support each correction. We will then check your references against some of our own material as a cross validation. When citing the references, please include the title, author, publisher, date and page number. Also indicate the exact date and text in **Footprints** that you believe is in error. Mail all corrections to: The SALINON Corporation, Database Maintenance Group, P.O. Box 31047, Dallas, TX 75231. Thanks in advance for your help.

Appendix A: Backup

Making A Backup Copy

Prior to using the system, you should make a single working copy of the **Footprints** diskette/s to guard against loss due to disk failure. You can do this by following the procedure below which uses the DOS **COPY** command. This procedure assumes:

1. You are working with 5 1/4" diskettes. If you are using a 3 1/2" diskette, follow the same process as described below for just the Program Disk.
2. You are using a computer with two floppy disk drives or one floppy drive and a hard disk. If you have only a single floppy disk drive, refer to your DOS manual for instructions on how to copy a disk.

If You Have Two Floppy Disk Drives:

Here are the steps that we recommend you follow:

1. Put the **Footprints** Program Diskette in drive A.
2. Put a newly formatted disk in drive B (you probably should format this diskette with the /S option, **FORMAT B:/S** This copies your operating system onto the diskette eliminating the need to insert your DOS disk after each **Footprints** session. See your DOS manual if you need instructions on how to format a diskette).
3. Type in **COPY A:*. * B:** and press **Enter** (↵).
4. DOS will now copy all the program and data files to your diskette in drive B. Label this disk "Program Diskette - Working Copy" and then use this copy to run **Footprints**. Store the original in a secure place in case anything happens to the working copy.
5. Repeat Steps 1 through 3 for the Database Diskette. Use a diskette formatted without the /S option to allow space for everything on the Database Disk. Label the created disk "Database Diskette - Working Copy".
6. Please remember: the License Agreement stipulates that you can only use one copy of the package at one time.

If You Have One Floppy Drive And A Hard Disk:

If you have a hard disk, you can copy **Footprints** onto it and then use the original floppy diskettes as the backup copy. **Footprints** will occupy approximately half a megabyte on your hard disk. Follow the same procedure outlined on the previous page, but instead of copying to a floppy disk drive B, copy to your hard disk C by typing in **COPY A:*. * C:**

You may want to set up a separate subdirectory on your hard disk to store all the **Footprints** routines prior to copying. Refer to your DOS manual for instructions on setting up a subdirectory and using the simple **MKDIR** command. If you do not set up a separate directory, verify before you start copying that you don't have any file names on your hard disk that are also on the **Footprints** disks (**Footprints** uses the *.exe, *.fil, *.bat, *.sdr, *.tns and *.sfp extensions). If duplicate names do exist, the **Footprints** files will load on top of them, erasing what is already there.

Information For Beginners About DOS

If you're just starting out on a PC, you may be having some trouble using DOS and understanding commands like **COPY** and **FORMAT**. Two helpful paperback books you may want to pick up are Easy DOS It! and Hard DOS It! (for hard disk systems) by Ron Bauer. They're available in many book stores for about \$5.00 each, or you can contact the publisher directly:

the EASY WAY press
Electronic Publishers
P.O. Box 12041
Birmingham, MI 48012
313-651-9405

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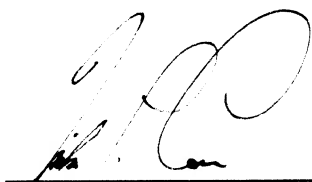
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